




B E R M U D A.

n ACT further to supply the Deficiency
of the Fund established by an Act, intituled
“ An Act for raising a Public Revenue for
“ the Support of the Government of these
“ His Majesty’s Islands, and for other
“ Purposes therein contained.”



HEREAS the Provisions hitherto made for
supplying the Deficiency of the Fund, esta-
blished by an Act, intituled “ An Act for
“ raising a Public Revenue for the Support of
“ the Government of these His Majesty’s
“ Islands,” have proved unequal to the Inten-
tion of the Public, in order, therefore, the
re effectually to provide for the Deficiency of the said Fund,
your Majesty’s most dutiful and loyal Subjects the General
Assembly of these your Majesty’s Bermuda or Somers’ Islands, in
America, do most humbly beseech your Majesty, that it may
be enacted, and be it enacted by your Majesty’s Governor, Council,
Assembly, and it is hereby enacted and ordained by the
Authority of the same, That from and after the first Day of
January next until the first Day of July which will be in the Year of
our Lord One Thousand Seven Hundred and Eighty-six, there be
a Duty of Six-pence on each and every Gallon of Rum which shall
be retailed, vended, sold, or expended in these Islands, and that
the same be payable Quarterly, that is to say, on the first Day of
January next, and the first Days of January, April, and July, in
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the Year One Thousand Seven Hundred and Eighty-six, to the Collectors of the several Parishes herein after appointed, and in case of refusal or delay, that the said Collectors be, and they are hereby declared to be severally authorized and empowered to levy the same by Distress and Sale of the Refusers or Delayers Goods and Chattels, Lands, and Tenements, retaining to themselves from the Proceeds of every Sale the usual and accustomed Poundage, or a Sum equal to the Amount of the Duties levied for, at their option as a Compensation for the Trouble incurred in consequence of such Levy and Sale.

AND for the more effectual collecting the said Duty, be it enacted by the Authority aforesaid, that each and every Person holding Rum on the said first Day of *July* next, exceeding five Gallons, shall, within forty-eight Hours thereafter give, and upon Oath, if required, to the Collector for the Parish where such Rum shall be, a just and true Account of all such Rum as such Person shall then have been in possession of, from and after the said first Day of *July* next, and that each and every Person or Persons who shall from Time to Time, after the said first Day of *July* next, during the continuance of this Act, be possessed of any Rum by Importation, shall, in like manner, render unto the Collector for the Parish where such Rum shall be landed or received, a just and true Account of the number of Gallons, and of the Denomination of each Vessel containing the same.

AND be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, that if any Collector shall suspect, or be informed that Rum is in any particular House or Place which hath not been reported, as by this Act is directed, he shall have power to take to his assistance such Persons as may be necessary to the Occasion, and require such House or Place to be opened, and in case of refusal, to open or cause the same to be opened by force, provided it be in the Day; and that all unreported Rum which shall be found by any Collector, be forfeited, and within ten Days after seizure, sold at public Auction, the one-half of the Proceeds of which Sale shall be to the said Collector and Informer, if any, and the other half to the same Uses as the Duties imposed by this Act, and that any Person summoned or required to aid and assist as above-mentioned; and refusing so to do, shall forfeit and pay the Sum of Ten Pounds Current Money, to be recovered by the Collector to whom such refusal shall be made.

AND in order that the Collectors aforesaid may be enabled to proceed with greater certainty in the Execution of the Duties required of them by this Act, be it enacted by the Authority aforesaid, that the Public Treasurer shall, in the BERMUDA GAZETTE, subsequent to each Report, cause to be inserted under his Signature as Public Treasurer, a List of the several Quantities of Rum imported and exported during the continuance of this Act, with the Names of the Vessel, the Master, and the Person importing and exporting the same, and that every Importer be deemed and considered liable to the Duty hereby imposed on Rum, such Quantities only excepted as shall be by him re-shipped or sold in the Cask or Vessel as imported, and then, and in such Case only, on Condition that he shall, within forty-eight Hours after the Transshipment, give Notice thereof, in writing, to the Collector of the Parish to whom such Rum shall have been reported, and that in Case of Deception or misinformation in such Notice, the said Importer be subject and liable to pay to the said Collector double Duty for Rum of the Sale or Re-shipment of which he shall have given due and irregular Notice.—And also, that any Collector receiving Information of Rum from the Importer thereof, or otherwise, having been sold to a Person residing in a different Parish, shall, without delay, notify the same in writing to the Collector of the Parish where such Purchaser shall reside, and that he be allowed a reasonable Charge against the Public therefor: Provided always, that if any Duties hereby imposed on Rum be lost or not collected through the neglect or delay of any Collector whatever, the Collector so neglecting or delaying shall be subject and liable to the Payment of such Duties in like manner as if the same had been actually collected and received by him, and that each Collector do make an abatement of fifteen Gallons in every hundred Gallons, to be computed from the original Gauge of the Cask or Vessel containing Rum sold and expended within these Islands, as an Allowance for Waste, and that no other allowance be made, except in case of extraordinary Accident, to be proved by Oath to the satisfaction of the Collector of the Parish where such Accident shall have happened.

AND be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, that for every Negro or Slave which on the first Day of *September* next, shall be brought to or be possessed by any Inhabitant of these Islands, in any Manner or capacity whatever, there be paid to the Collector of the Parish where such Owner or Possessor shall reside, the Sum of One hundred and fifty current Money, and that any Negro or Slave at or beyond Sea be paid for in like manner as if the same were within these Islands; and

and also, that for each Horse, Mare, or Gelding, which on the first Day of *September* next shall be owned or possessed by any Inhabitant of these Islands, there be in like manner paid the Sum of Six Shillings and Eight-pence current Money, and that in default of Payment thereof, twenty Days previous Notice being given by Advertisement in the *BERMUDA GAZETTE*, the Collectors of the said Taxes on Negroes and Horses be authorised and empowered, and they are hereby declared respectively to be fully authorised and empowered to levy the same by Distress and Sale of the Goods and Chattels, Lands and Tenements of such Owners and Possessors neglecting to pay as aforesaid, and that the Collectors be severally authorised and empowered to retain to themselves from the proceeds of every Sale the Sum of Five Shillings current Money, or a Sum equal to the Amount of the Taxes levied for, at their option, as Compensation for the Trouble incurred in consequence of such Levy and Sale.

AND be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, that the Master or Commander of any Vessel importing Horses, Mares, or Geldings, during the continuance of this Act, shall immediately on his arrival in these Islands, make, and on Oath, if required, a true and correct report of the Number of such Horses, Mares, and Geldings so by him imported, to the Public Treasurer, and on the Sale or other disposal thereof, pay unto the said Treasurer the Sum of Forty Shillings current Money for each and every of the said Horses, Mares, or Geldings.

AND be it enacted by the Authority aforesaid, that the following Persons be, and they are hereby appointed Collectors of the Excise on Rum, Tax on Slaves, Horses, Mares, and Geldings, by this Act imposed, that is to say,

For St. George's Parish Mr. JOSEPH LABORN.

For Hamilton Parish Mr. ROBERT OUTERBRIDGE.

For Smith's Parish JEREMIAH PENNISTON, Jun. Esquire.

For Devonshire Parish Captain RICHARD DAVIS.

For Pembroke Parish NICHOLAS ALBOUY, Esquire.

For Paget's Parish Captain FORSTER BASCOME.

For Warwick Parish Mr. DANIEL GILBERT.

For Southampton Parish Captain FRANCIS DICKINSON.

For Sandy's Parish Mr. JAMES BURROWS.

AND that the Public Treasurer shall, in the *BERMUDA GAZETTE*, subsequent to the publication of this Act, notify the Collectors aforesaid of their respective Appointments, and

Collectors shall, within ten Days thereafter, severally offer and tender themselves to some one of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace for taking an Oath of Office, which each and every Justice so called upon, is hereby authorised and declared to be obliged to administer in the Words following, to wit,

I *A. B.* being appointed by an Act of the General Assembly, intitled, "An Act further to supply the Deficiency of the Fund established by an Act, intituled, 'An Act for raising a public Revenue for the Support of the Government of these His Majesty's Islands, and for other Purposes therein contained,'" Collector of the Duty on all Rum that shall or may be retailed, sold, or expended, during the continuance of the said Act, in ——— Parish, in these Islands, and also of a Tax on every Horse, Mare, or Gelding belonging to or possessed by the inhabitants of the said Parish, do solemnly swear that I will, to the best of my Power and Ability, faithfully and impartially discharge the Trust reposed in me by the said Act. So help me God."

AND be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, that the said Collectors shall receive at and after the rate of Ten Pounds for every Hundred Pounds which they shall pay to the Public Treasurer, arising from the Duty on Rum by them collected, and at and after the rate of Five Pounds for every Hundred Pounds which they shall in like manner pay from the Taxes hereby imposed on Slaves, Horses, Mares, or Geldings; and that the said Collectors shall quarterly, that is to say, within ten Days after the said first Day of *October* next, and the first Days of *January*, *April*, and *July*, in the year One Thousand Seven Hundred and Eighty-six, or at the expiration of their respective Offices, if sooner ended, pay to the Public Treasurer all Monies by them received for the Duty on Rum imposed by this Act, the Commission herein before allowed to be deducted, and within ten Days after the expiration of their respective Offices, render unto the said Treasurer, and upon Oath, required, a just and true Account of the Monies so received, from whom, in which Account, in order the better to detect Error or Omission in the Collection of the said Duty on Rum, the Entries shall be so worded as to shew whether the said Collectors have properly or not availed themselves of the Notices directed to them in consequence of this Act, and otherwise complied with the Requisites thereof; and that the said Collectors shall severally, on or before the first Day of *December* next, in like manner pay to the Public Treasurer all Monies by them received from the Taxes hereby imposed on Slaves, and Horses, Mares, or Geldings,

the Commission herein allowed first deducted, rendering at Time, and upon Oath, if required, a just and true Account of Monies so received, and from whom, all which Accounts, as respecting the Duty hereby imposed on Rum, as the Taxes Slaves and Horses, Mares, or Geldings, shall be deposited and reserved in the Treasurer's Office for the inspection of the Legislature. And in case any such Collector shall refuse or neglect to tender himself for qualification in the manner herein before directed, and after qualification fully to comply with the other requisites of this Act, he shall forfeit and pay for such Offence a Sum of One Hundred Pounds current Money, to be recovered by the Public Treasurer in any Court of Record in these Islands, by Bill, Complaint, or Information, wherein no Effoin, Protection, or Wager of Law shall be allowed.

AND be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, that often as it shall happen that either of the said Collectors shall be rendered incapable of holding his Office, by Death or otherwise, it shall and may be lawful for the Commander in Chief for the time being, by and with the Advice of His Majesty's Council, to fill up such Vacancy, and every Person by him so nominated and appointed, shall be subject to the like Restrictions and Penalties as those imposed on the Collectors herein nominated and appointed.

AND be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, that from all Vessels clearing from the Secretary's Office during the continuance of this Act, that is to say, from the first Day of July next to the first Day of July in the Year One Thousand Seven Hundred and Eighty-six, there be paid to the Public Treasurer at and after the rate of Six-pence current Money for each Ton owned by an Inhabitant of these Islands. Always provided that no more than one Payment of such Tonnage be demanded or received for any Vessel in consequence of this Act.

AND in order the better to ascertain the Tonnage of each Vessel, be it enacted by the Authority aforesaid, that Oath before the Public Treasurer be by the Master, Owner, or some other Person made in the Words following, to wit,

"I A. B. do swear that the Vessel, called _____, where _____ is or was late Master or Commander, does not exceed _____ Feet _____ Inches length by the Keel, and _____ Feet _____ Inches by the Beam, and _____ Feet _____ Inches in the Depth of Hold according to the best of my Knowledge and Belief. So help me God."—Which said Oath the Treasurer aforesaid is hereby empowered

wered and directed to admit gratis to every Person obliged by this Act, and that such Length of Keel, Breadth of Beam, and Depth of Hold be multiplied into each other, and the Product of the whole divided by ninety-four, and the Quotient arising therefrom to be deemed the Tonnage; and that in case no Person will appear to the Dimensions of a Vessel as aforesaid, then the Public Treasurer shall go on Board, or empower some Person to go on Board, and measure such Vessel in manner following, that is to say, from the inside of the Transom to the inside of the Stem Lining above the Deck, three-fourths of which shall be esteemed the Length of Keel, and that the utmost Breadth of the Plank on the main Deck, from inside to inside of the Plank, be the Breadth of Beam, the one-half of which shall be taken for the Depth of Hold; and in case of two Decks the one-half of the Depth between Decks shall be added to the Depth of Hold, and that the said Treasurer be allowed the Sum of Ten Shillings for each Measurement; and that no Vessel during the continuance of this Act be permitted to clear in the Secretary's Office of these Islands, until there shall have been first paid to the said Treasurer the Tonnage aforesaid, as directed by this Act; and that in case the Secretary at the time being shall clear any such Vessel before payment shall have been so made, he shall forfeit and pay the Sum of Ten Pounds current Money.

AND be it enacted by the Authority aforesaid, that from and after the first Day of *July* next, until the first Day of *July* in the year One Thousand Seven Hundred and Eighty-six, there be a Duty of Two Pounds Ten Shillings in every Hundred Pounds, on Houses, Lands, Goods, Wares, Merchandize, Chattels, and Effects sold at Auction within these Islands; those sold by Execution or belonging to Insolvent Estates only excepted; and that every Person who shall, during the continuance of this Act, enter in the Sale of any Houses, Lands, Goods, Wares, Merchandize, Chattels, or Effects, subject to the above Duty, shall, previous thereto give unto the Public Treasurer good and sufficient Security that the same shall be particularly reported to him the said Treasurer, within thirty Days after Sale, and that the Duty imposed by this Act shall be thereupon regularly paid to the said Treasurer out of the proceeds of such Sale, One and One Quarter per Cent. being first deducted as a Compensation to the Auctioneer for collecting and paying the same, and that any Person presuming to enter on the Sale of Houses, Lands, Goods, Wares, Merchandize, Chattels, or Effects at Auction, subject to the Duty hereby imposed, without having previously given the Security above-mentioned, shall, for every such Offence, forfeit and pay the full Value

Value of the Houses, Lands, Goods, Wares, Merchandize, Chattels or Effects so sold, to be ascertained in any manner satisfactory to the Court where such Offence shall be cognizable.

AND whereas certain Monies were given and granted to his Majesty for the Uses of the Government of these Islands, by an Act made and passed the twenty-second Day of *January*, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Seventy-nine, intituled “ An Act for supplying the Deficiency of the Fund, established by an Act, intituled “ An Act for raising a Public Revenue for the Support of the Government of these His Majesty’s Islands, and for the effecting the sinking of Certificates already issued, or which may be issued chargeable on such Fund.”—And whereas also, in and by the said Act, among other Things, it was enacted, that an Assessment should be made in the several Parishes of these Islands on the Timber Trees growing therein respectively, and the Parishes of Hamilton Smith, and Devonshire, have neglected or refused to pay into the Public Treasury the particular Proportions by the said Act prescribed to be by them paid.—And whereas it is equally as inconsistent with that Justice which should mark the Proceedings of the Legislature, that Taxes be partially collected as essential to the dignity of Government, that the Laws should in no case be permitted to be evaded or trifled with, be it therefore enacted by the Authority aforesaid, that the Vestry or Assessors for the Time being of the said Parishes of Hamilton, Smith, and Devonshire, be, and they are hereby declared to be required, authorized, and empowered to raise on or before the tenth Day of *September* next ensuing, by Assessment on the Timber Trees growing in such Parishes respectively, the several Proportions in the said Act recited, and in the manner therein prescribed, together with legal Interest thereon for six Years, that is to say, For the Parish of Hamilton, Fifty-two Pounds One Shilling and Four-pence;—the Parish of Smith Thirty-seven Pounds Eleven Shillings and Four-pence;—and the Parish of Devonshire, Forty-seven Pounds Six Shillings and Eight pence; and to cause the same to be paid into the Public Treasury of these Islands, which Payment shall be considered in full of the Levies intended by the above recited Act to have been made on Timber Trees growing in the said Parishes; and that in case of default, it shall and may be lawful for the Public Treasurer having given ten Days previous Notice in the *BERMUDA GAZETTE*, either by entering the defaulting Parishes respectively, or otherwise, to levy at discretion the several Sums above-mentioned together with the usual, customary, and legal Poundage, and other incidental Charges on any Goods or Chattels, Lands or Tenements

at may belong to the Vestry or Assessors, or any other Person or Persons resident in such Parishes, due and regular Notice of the Time and Place of Sale of the Goods and Chattels, Lands or Tenements, so levied on, being previously given in the BERMUDA GAZETTE. Always provided, that it be in the power of the Person whose Goods or Chattels, Lands or Tenements shall be so levied on, to make Application to the Chief Justice of these Islands, to obtain, and which Chief Justice is hereby empowered to issue an Execution, authorising the Provost Marshal General in like manner to levy the same, and to be paid, with incidental Charges as above-mentioned, on any other Goods or Chattels, Lands or Tenements, belonging to the Residents in such Parish, that shall be pointed out by the Plaintiff, and so in Succession, when and as often as Occasion may require: Always further provided, that no Goods or Chattels, Lands or Tenements be twice levied on, in the possession of the same Person, and that no Goods or Chattels, Lands or Tenements be levied upon, either by Churchwarden, Treasurer, or Provost Marshal, which may belong to any Person who shall be able to make it clearly evident to the Officer about to make the Levy, that he or she has complied or done every thing in his or her power to comply with the Requisitions of the said Act, intituled "An Act for supplying the Deficiency of the Fund, established by an Act, intituled, An Act for raising a Public Revenue for the Support of the Government of these His Majesty's Islands, and for the effectual sinking of Certificates already issued, or which may be issued, chargeable on such Fund."

AND be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, that there be every free Negro, Mulatto, or Mustee, resident in these Islands on or before the first Day of *September* next, paid the Sum of One Shilling and Four-pence current Money, which shall be levied and disposed of by the several Collectors herein before nominated, in the same manner and under similar Pains and Penalties as the Taxes hereby imposed on Slaves, and Horses, Mares, or Geldings, except that in failure of distress any defaulting free Negro, Mulatto, or Mustee be sold at Auction by the Collector of the Parish in which he or she shall reside for such length of Time as shall be sufficient to defray the above Tax, with incidental Charges.

AND be it also enacted by the Authority aforesaid, that in every Levy to be made by Virtue of this Act, the Overplus, after payment of the Sum levied for, with incidental Charges, be restored to the Person whose Goods or Chattels, Lands or Tenements, or either of them, shall have been so levied on.

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AND be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, that the Ballance of the Fund arising by Fines and Forfeitures, be carried to the Credit of the Fund established by an Act, intituled " An Act for raising a Public Revenue for the Support of the Government of these His Majesty's Islands."

AND be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, that all Monies arising by virtue of this Act, whether by Fine, Forfeiture or otherwise, not herein before particularly appropriated, be to His Majesty, His Heirs, and Successors, for and towards supplying the Deficiency of the Fund established by an Act, intituled " An Act for raising a Public Revenue for the Support of the Government of these His Majesty's Islands."

VOTED and passed the Assembly this 21st Day of May 1785, and Ordered to be laid before the Council for Concurrence.

CORNELIUS HINSON, *Speaker*.

CONCURRED to by the Council
this 27th Day of May, 1785.

JOHN HARVY, *President*.


ASSENTED to this 28th Day of May, 1785.

WILLIAM BROWNE



B E R M U D A.

An ACT the better to effect a regular Attendance of the Representatives of the good People of Bermuda, on the Duties of the General Assembly.

 HEREAS an Opinion hath improperly prevailed among the Inhabitants of certain Parishes in these Islands, that it is optional in any Person when elected a Representative of the People, either to attend the General Assembly for Qualification or not, by means whereof sundry Persons who had no Intention of undertaking the Task of Legislators, have suffered themselves to be elected, in order to screen themselves from being chosen Jurors, Churchwardens, and Constables, to the manifest Injury of the whole Community, and the Retardation of public Business;—And whereas also, it is of considerable moment to the good People of these Islands that a Doctrine so repugnant to the Laws of England and the Customs and Usages of the British Parliament, whose Proceedings it is both wise and safe for the Legislature of Bermuda, on every Occasion, as nearly as may be, to imitate) and to replete with Mischief to this His Majesty's Government, should be refuted, and the Minds of the Inhabitants rightly informed respecting a Point of so much Consequence, We, therefore, your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal Subjects the General Assembly of these your Majesty's Bermuda or Somers' Islands, in America, do most humbly beseech your Majesty, that it may be enacted, and be it enacted by your Majesty's Governor, Council, and Assembly, and it is hereby enacted and ordained by the

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Authority

Every Person elected a Representative, obliged to attend for Qualification,

Otherwise liable to such Pains and Penalties as the General Assembly may inflict, unless a reasonable Excuse be assigned. Proviso.

This Act not to be in Force until his Majesty's Assent be had and made known.

Authority of the same, that every Person who from and after the Publication hereof shall be elected a Representative for any Parish in these Islands, shall be, and he is hereby declared of common right to be bound and obliged to attend at the Time and Place of the Meeting of the General Assembly, in order for Qualification without any further Writ or Summons to be to him sent, and in default thereof to be subject and liable to such Pains and Penalties as the General Assembly may or can inflict or impose on its Members, unless such Representative shall be able to assign such Reasons for his non-attendance as shall by the General Assembly be deemed and considered a reasonable Excuse. Always provided that no Person who shall declare or make known at the Time of Election and before he shall be elected an inability to attend shall be returned a Representative, although a majority of Voices shall be in his favour, but shall be considered by the Returning Officer in the same manner as if no Voice had been given for him and that this Act shall not be in force until His Majesty's Assent shall be first had thereto and made known in these Islands.

VOTED and passed the Assembly this 13th Day of May 1785, and Ordered to be laid before the Council in Concurrence.

CORNELIUS HINSON, *Speaker*

CONCURRED to by the Council
this 21st Day of May, 1785.

HENRY TUCKER, Jun. President.

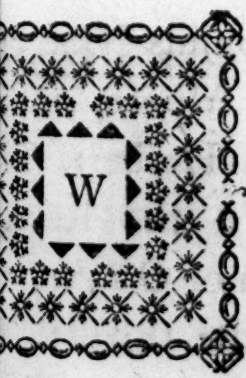
ASSENTED to this 25th Day of May, 1785.

WILLIAM BROWNE



B E R M U D A.

an ACT for issuing from the Treasury
Certificates to certain Persons who have
Demands on the Public, declaring such
Certificates to be assignable and negociable,
and pointing out the mode of sinking the
same.

 HEREAS sundry Debts still continue to be Preamble.
due and owing from the Public of Bermuda,
which cannot be immediately discharged,—In
order, therefore, to place the Credit of this
Government on the most respectable footing
possible, by giving the fullest Security to the
Public Creditors until Monies shall be raised by
Taxation, We, your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal Subjects, the
General Assembly of these your Majesty's Bermuda or Somers
Islands, in America, do most humbly beseech your Majesty that it
may be enacted, and **be it enacted** by your Majesty's Governor,
Council, and Assembly, and **it is hereby enacted and ordained** by
the Authority of the same, that Certificates to the amount of Certificates
to be issued.
Five Hundred Pounds, current Money, be issued from the Public
Treasury, on or before the first Day of *July* next, to His Ex-
cellency William Browne, Esquire, in full for the fourth Year of
Salary settled on His said Excellency, by an Act, intituled "An
Act for the Settlement of a Yearly Salary on His Excellency
William Browne, Esquire, Captain-General, Governor, and
Commander in Chief of these Islands," due the sixteenth Day of
June next, to carry legal Interest from that Date, and that on or
before the said first Day of *July* next there be issued from the
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Public Treasury, Certificates to the following Persons, to wit, To John Brickwood, Esquire, Fifteen Hundred Pounds.—To Arthur Outerbridge, for the Expences of entertaining the Magistrates at the Quarter Sessions, Twenty Pounds Two Shillings and Eight pence.—To Arthur Outerbridge, Clerk of the Peace, Eleven Pounds Eight Shillings and Eight-pence, in full, for his Bill to *April* the eighteenth, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Eighty-five.—To Michael Burrows, Esq; his Bill to *April* the thirtieth, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Eighty-five, Three Pounds Nineteen Shillings and Four-pence.—To John Roberts, Cryer of the Courts of King's Bench, Six Pounds Six Shillings and Eight pence.—To the Estate of the Honorable Jonathan Burch, Esq; Five Pounds Thirteen Shillings and Six-pence.—To Daniel Hubbard Outerbridge, Esq; for Repairs to Ferry Boat, Two Pounds.—To Copeland Stiles, Esquire, Fourteen Pounds Sixteen Shillings and Eight-pence.—To the Estate of Joseph Hill, One Pound.—To the Reverend Mr. Richardson, Fifty-four Pounds.—To John Lewis, Clerk of the Assize, Twenty-seven Pounds Twelve Shillings.—To Richard Prudden, for Repairs to Ferry Bridges, Eight Pounds Sixteen Shillings.—To the Honorable Henry Tucker, Esq; Secretary, One Hundred and Seventy-three Pounds One Shilling and Eight-pence.—To the Honorable Henry Tucker, Esq; Treasurer, One Hundred and Thirty-four Pounds Nine Shillings and Nine-pence.—To the Reverend Mr. Moore, for his Salary for the last Year, Ten Pounds.—To John Herbert, Three Pounds Nineteen Shillings and Four-pence.—To the Reverend Mr. Barker, his Bill for Salary, from the thirtieth of *October*, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Eighty-three, to the thirtieth Day of *April*, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Eighty-five, Fifteen Pounds.—To sundry Bills due to the Estate of John Roberts Senior, Thirty-seven Pounds.—To Thomas Lewis, Matross, at Fort Paget, Twenty-five Pounds.—To John Herbert, Matross, at King's Castle, Forty Pounds.—To Richard Ball, Twenty Pounds Sixteen Shillings.—To the Estate of the Honorable Jonathan Burch, Esq; One Hundred and Twenty Pounds.—To the Masters and Wardens of the Port of St. George, Five Pounds.—To the Masters and Wardens of the Port of Crow Lane, Five Pounds.—To the Masters and Wardens of the Port of Ely's Harbour, Five Pounds.—To the Honorable the Members of His Majesty's Council, or their legal Representatives, the Sum of One Hundred and Fifteen Pounds Six Shillings, and Eight-pence, as settled and adjusted by the Council, to the twentieth Day of *May*, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Eighty-five.—To the several Members of the Assembly, or their legal Representatives, the Sum of

Three Hundred and Eighty-four Pounds Thirteen Shillings and Four-pence, as settled and adjusted by the House of Assembly to the twentieth Day of *May* aforesaid.—To the Honorable the Council, for their attendance in Council, the Sum of Fourteen Pounds Eighteen Shillings and Four-pence, as settled and adjusted to the Council to the thirteenth Day of *May*, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Eighty-five.—To John Lewis, Clerk of the Council, Sixty-five Pounds and Four-pence.—To John Zuill, Clerk of the Assembly, Ninety-eight Pounds Eighteen Shillings.—To John Roberts, Door-keeper, Twelve Pounds.—To Thomas Albert, Esq; Eighty-five Pounds.—To the Honorable Robert Trill, Esq; Twelve Pounds Ten Shillings.

AND be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, that the Certificates herein before directed to be issued, in consequence of this Act, be printed and couched in the Words and Figures following, to wit,

BERMUDA,

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Form of Certificates.

This Certificate intitles

the Sum of Current Money,
from the Public Treasury of these Islands, payable from the Fund established by an Act, intituled “ An Act for raising a Public Revenue for the Support of the Government of these His Majesty’s Islands,” to carry legal Interest from
to the Time of Payment.

AND whereas it may be beneficial to the Public Creditors herein before-mentioned, to have Certificates in Sums smaller than the amount of their several Demands, be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, that it shall and may be lawful for the Treasurer or Receiver General to issue Certificates to the said Creditors, in such Proportions of their several Demands, as shall be to them most agreeable; provided always that no Certificate for a Division of a Debt be made for a less Sum than Ten Pounds Current Money.

Certificates to be issued in such Proportions as may be agreeable to the Public Creditors. Provide.

AND be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, that any Certificate or Certificates issued in the manner before directed, be negotiable and assignable in the same manner as Promissory Notes made by Law; and in case such Certificate or Certificates shall not be paid or discharged by the Treasurer aforesaid, within the

Certificates made assignable and negotiable.

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Time

To carry legal interest. Time in such Certificate particularly limited and expressed, that then such Certificate or Certificates, shall, from such Time of Limitation, carry legal Interest until paid or discharged.

Persons counterfeiting, forging, &c. any Certificate, to suffer Death. AND be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, that in case any Person or Persons shall counterfeit, forge, erase, or alter any Certificate or Certificates, issued in the manner herein before directed, with Intention to Defraud, such Person so counterfeiting, forging, erasing, or altering such Certificate or Certificates, being thereof legally convicted, shall suffer Death without Benefit of Clergy.

Certificates to be paid in regular succession, AND be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, that the Certificates which shall be issued in consequence of this Act, be by the Treasurer aforesaid paid in regular succession herein prescribed; yet nevertheless, that such Certificates be, and the same hereby are declared to be a legal tender to, and shall be received in payment in the same manner as Gold and Silver Monies now are, and by Law ought to be within these Islands, by the Public Treasurer, for the discharging of any Duties, Taxes, or other Debts whatsoever, due and payable at or in the Public Treasury of these Islands, any Thing in this or any other Law to the contrary notwithstanding.

The Treasurer to give Notice by Advertisement, in his Office, of any Certificate not presented for payment in regular succession. AND be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, that if at any Time the Treasurer aforesaid shall find that any Certificate issued in consequence of this Act, and in regular succession to be paid and discharged, has, either by Accident or Neglect, not been presented to him for that Purpose, he shall, in such Case, give Notice thereof by Advertisement, put up in his Office, free and open to public Inspection, and then, if not produced to him for Payment within thirty Days, Interest shall not be allowed on such Certificate from the expiration of that Time, any Thing in this Act contained to the contrary notwithstanding.

Certificates fully paid and discharged to be produced to a Committee, and after examination, to be destroyed. AND be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, that whenever the Treasurer of these Islands shall be called on, during the sitting of the General Assembly, he shall produce to a Committee, to be particularly appointed for that Purpose, such Certificates as he shall have fully paid and satisfied; which Certificates after due Examination and Account taken thereof, shall be by him the said Treasurer, in the presence of such Committee, burned and destroyed.

AND be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, that the Certificates to be issued in consequence of this Act, except those herein

in before otherwise particularly expressed, do carry legal In-
 at the expiration of six Months from the Date.

Interest on
 Certificates
 to commence
 six Months
 after Date.

VOTED and passed the Assembly this 21st Day of May,
 1785, and Ordered to be laid before the Council for
 Concurrence.

CORNELIUS HINSON, *Speaker*.

CONCURRED to by the Council
 this 21st Day of May, 1785.

HENRY TUCKER, Jun. *President*.

SENTED to this 25th Day of May, 1785.

WILLIAM BROWNE.

Interest in
Contract
to purchase
at 10%
Date

1785

ORDERED and passed the Assembly this 21st Day of May
1785 and Ordered to be laid before the Council for
Consideration

CORNELIUS HINSON Speaker

ORDERED to be by the Council

21st Day of May 1785

HENRY TUCKER, Jun. President

ORDERED to be 21st Day of May 1785

WILLIAM BROWN

B E R M U D A.

an ACT for the prevention of Mischief by
DOGS.

HEREAS sundry Persons have received Damage, as well in their Persons as in their Cattle and Poultry, from fierce and mischievous Dogs, —To prevent which in future, We, your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal Subjects, the General Assembly of these your Majesty's Bermuda or Somer Islands, in America, do most humbly beseech your Majesty that it may be enacted, and be it enacted by your Majesty's Governor, Council, and Assembly, and it is hereby enacted and ordained by the Authority of the same, that the Owner or Owners of any Dog which hath been accustomed to bite either Man or Beast, or who shall have been informed that his or their Dog hath bitten or injured any Man or Beast whatever, shall be subject and liable to an Action for every Injury done by such Dog, in like manner as if such Injury had been done by such Owner or Owners personally.

Preamble
The Owners of Dogs liable to a Suit for any Injury or Mischief done by their Dogs.

AND be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, that every Person in these Islands be authorised and empowered to kill or destroy any Dog that shall have bitten, or be in the attempt to bite any Person, his or her Friend, Relation, Child, Servant, Slave, Cattle, or Poultry, or have eaten or carried away, or be in the attempt to eat or carry away any kind of Flesh, Meat, Poultry, Fish, or any thing whatsoever, without being subject or liable to any Action, Suit, or Prosecution whatever for the doing the same.

Every Person authorized to kill any Dog that shall have bitten, or be in the attempt to bite, &c.

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ALWAYS provided, that this Act shall not be in force until
Majesty's Assent shall be first had thereto, and made known in the
Islands.

VOTED and passed the Assembly this 19th Day of May
1785, and Ordered to be laid before the Council
Concurrence.

CORNELIUS HINSON, *Speaker*

CONCURRED to by the Council

this 20th Day of May, 1785.

HENRY TUCKER, *Jun. President.*

ASSENTED to this 25th Day of May, 1785.

WILLIAM BROWNE

B E R M U D A.

An A C T for the speedy Recovery of Debts and Damages by or from Strangers.

HEREAS in the Course of Trade it may Preamble,

W happen that Strangers visiting these Islands may contract Debts with, or sustain Damage from each other, and also that such Strangers may have Monies due and payable from the Inhabitants of these Islands, or be entitled to recover Damages from such Inhabitants for

Wrongs and Injuries done and received by such Strangers, and their Persons and Properties, to recover which in the usual Course of the Courts of Law may be attended with great delay and loss of time, We, therefore, your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal Subjects the General Assembly of these your Majesty's Bermuda Somer Islands, in America, do most humbly beseech your Majesty that it may be enacted, and be it enacted by your Majesty's Governor, Council, and Assembly, and it is hereby enacted and ordained by the Authority of the same, that from and after

the Publication hereof, it shall and may be lawful for any Stranger whatsoever, having Cause of Action against any Person in these Islands, whether Inhabitant or Stranger, and to whom it might be in any manner detrimental to seek Redress in the ordinary Course of the Courts of Law, to sue out a Writ or Writs in the usual manner, and after the same shall have been served on the Defendant or Defendants, to apply by Petition to His Excellency the Governor, or Commander in Chief for the Time being, setting forth such Cause of Action, and praying for a call of a Special Court;—whereupon the Governor or Commander in Chief aforesaid, shall, by Warrant, under his Hand and the Public Seal of these Islands, authorise and empower the Judges of the Courts of King's Bench, Common Pleas, Oyer and Terminer, General Goal Delivery and Assize for

Any Stranger having Cause of Action may sue out a Writ in the usual Manner, and after Service thereof, apply to the Governor for a Special Court, which the Governor is authorised to grant at such Day and Place as he shall think fit.

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the Time being, to hold a Special Court for the Trial of
Cause, at such short Day and at such Place as shall in such Warr
for that purpose be specified, and that in the mean Time the Ju
or Judges aforesaid do issue a Precept to the Provost Mar
General, for the Summoning the Jurors who served at the
preceding General Assize, out of whom a Jury shall be balloted
the Trial of such Cause :—And that any Stranger who shall
sued in these Islands either by another Stranger or an Inhabitant,
in like manner intitled to a Special Court, on applying in the Mo
Court in like above prescribed.
manner.

AND be it also enacted by the Authority aforesaid, that the Pa
against whom the Judgment of such Special Court shall be give
shall be subject and liable to pay not only the adverse Party's Co
and the Fees of the Court, but also the Charges for the Summoni
and Attendance of the Jurors, to be taxed by the Judge or Judge
of such Court.

AND be it also enacted by the Authority aforesaid, that eith
Party be permitted to appeal from the Judgment of a Special Co
to His Excellency the Governor or Commander in Chief for
Time being, and the Honorable the Members of His Majest
Council, who are hereby authoris'd and empowered to hear
determine such Appeal. Provided always, that such Appeal
craved before the Dismission of such Special Court, and the Co
paid or secured to be paid.—And also, provided always, th
the Decree of such Court of Appeal be made, pronounced, a
promulged within ten Days next after such Appeal shall have be
so craved.

ALWAYS provided, that this Act shall not be in force until
Majesty's Assent shall be first had thereto, and made known in the
Islands.

VOTED and passed the Assembly this 19th Day of May
1785, and Ordered to be laid before the Council
Concurrence.

CORNELIUS HINSON, *Speaker*

CONCURRED to by the Council
this 20th Day of May, 1785.

HENRY TUCKER, Jun. President.

ASSENTED to this 25th Day of May, 1785.

WILLIAM BROWN



B E R M U D A.

ACT for the better Observation of
the LORD'S DAY, commonly called
SUNDAY.

HEREAS the Sanctification of the Lord's Preamble.

Day, commonly called Sunday, hath been
justly deemed and considered as a principal
Part of the Worship due to Almighty God,
in order, therefore, to effect this laudable
Purpose, and to prevent in future the pro-
fanation of this holy Day by Labour, Fishing,

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Fowling, Gaming, idle Wandering from House to House, or any
other Sports or Pastimes whatever, We, your Majesty's most dutiful
and loyal Subjects the General Assembly of these your Majesty's
Bermuda or Somer Islands, in America, do most humbly beseech
your Majesty that it may be enacted, and be it enacted by your Ma-
jesty's Governor, Council, and Assembly, and it is hereby enacted
and ordained by the Authority of the same, that every Inhabitant
Resident in these Islands, of the Age of fourteen Years and
wards, who shall, from and after the Publication hereof, do or
perform upon the Lord's Day, any worldly Labour, Business, or
Work whatever, (Works of Necessity and Charity only ex-

Offences a-
gainst this
Act.
cepted) publickly cry, shew forth, or expose to Sale any
wares, Merchandize, Fruit, Herbs, Goods, or Chattels; or
shall use or practise Fishing, Fowling, Gaming, idle wandering
from House to House, or any other Sports or Pastimes whatever,
shall, on Conviction before any Justice of the Peace in these
Islands, either by the view of such Justice, the Confession of the
offender, or the Evidence of one or more Witnesses on Oath,
(which such Justice is hereby authorized to administer) forfeit for Forfeiture.
each and every Offence, the Sum of Twenty Shillings current

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Money

Money of Bermuda, to be levied by Distress and Sale of the Goods and Chattels of such Offender, rendering to the Party the Overplus if any, and in default of such Distress, or in case of insufficiency or inability of such Offender to pay the said Forfeiture, that the Party offending be publicly set in the Stocks for the space of twelve Hours; and that such Forfeiture be received by the Churchwarden or Churchwardens of the Parish where the Offence shall be committed, or the Offender shall reside, (in case the Offence be committed on the Water and without the Bounds of any Parish) and be applied to the discharge of the Parochial Charges. Provided always that it shall, and may be in the power of the Justice taking cognizance of such Offence, to reward any Person or Persons giving Information thereof, according to his discretion, so as such Reward do not exceed the One-third Part of such Forfeiture.—And also, that the crying or offering Fish for sale on a Sunday, on or before ten o'Clock in the Forenoon, and Milk on or before the like Hour, and after Four o'Clock in the Afternoon, be not considered as Offences against this Act.

Offenders unable to pay, to be set in the Stocks.

Forfeitures, by whom to be received, and in what manner applied.

Proviso.

Another Proviso.

Negroes offending to be publicly whipt.

Exception.

Proviso.

Prosecutions for any Offence to be commenced within one Month after the same shall have been committed.

No Writ, Process, Warrant, &c. to be served, except in Cases of Treason, &c. but all such Services to be deemed void. Persons serving any Writ, Pro-

AND be it also enacted, by the Authority aforesaid, that every Negro or other Slave offending against this Act, shall, on Conviction as aforesaid, be publicly whipt at the discretion of the Justice taking cognizance of such Offence, except it shall be made appear that such Negro or Slave acted by the Order or Direction of his Master or her Owner or Possessor; in which Case, such Owner or Possessor shall incur the like Forfeiture as if he or she had personally offended against this Act.—Provided always, that nothing in this Act contained shall extend to the prohibiting the dressing of Meat in Families, or the dressing and selling of Meat in Inns, Cookshops, or Victualling Houses;—also provided, that no Person or Persons shall be impeached, prosecuted, or molested for any Offence committed against this Act, unless he, she, or they be prosecuted for the same within one Month next after the Offence committed.

AND be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, that no Person or Persons upon the Lord's Day, shall serve or execute or cause to be served or executed any Writ, Process, Warrant, Order, Judgment or Decree, (except in Cases of Treason, Felony, or Breach of the Peace) but that the service of every such Writ, Process, Warrant, Order, Judgment or Decree, shall be void to all Intents and Purposes whatever.—And that the Person or Persons so serving or executing the same shall be as liable to the Suit of the Party aggrieved and to answer Damages for doing thereof, as if he, she, or they

they had done the same without any Writ, Procefs, Warrant, Order, cefs, &c. liable to a Suit.
 judgment, or Decree at all.

ALWAYS provided, that this Act shall not be in force until His Majesty's Assent shall be first had thereto, and made known in these Hands. Not to be in Force until His Majesty's Pleasure is known.

VOTED and passed the Assembly this 19th Day of May, 1785, and Ordered to be laid before the Council for Concurrence.

CORNELIUS HINSON, *Speaker.*

CONCURRED to by the Council
 this 20th Day of May, 1785.

HENRY TUCKER, *Jun. President.*

SENTED to this 25th Day of May, 1785.

WILLIAM BROWNE.

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B E R M U D A.

An ACT against Deceitful, Disorderly, and excessive GAMING.

HEREAS lawful Games and Exercises should Preamble.

be used as innocent and moderate Recreations,
and not as constant Trades or Callings whereby
to obtain a Livelihood or make an undue Advan-
tage of.—And whereas the immoderate use of
Gaming is productive of many Mischiefs and
Inconveniencies, and can tend only to the

maintaining and encouraging idle, loose, and disorderly Persons
in their dishonest, lewd, and dissolute course of Life, and the
circumventing, deceiving, cozening, and debauching many young
Persons, to the loss of their Time, ruin of their Estates, and with-
drawing them from useful and laudable Employments and Exercises,
in order therefore to reduce the Use of lawful Games within
proper Bounds, We, your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal Sub-
jects, the General Assembly of these your Majesty's Bermuda or
other Islands, in America, do most humbly beseech your Majesty

that it may be enacted, and be it enacted by your Majesty's
Governor, Council, and Assembly, and it is hereby enacted and
ordained by the Authority of the same, that every Person who

and after the Publication hereof, shall, by Fraud, Shift,
Circumvention, Deceit, Device, or ill Practice, either
playing at Cards, Dice, Tables, Tennis, Bowls, Skittles,
Wheel-board, Cock-fighting, Horse-racing, Dog-fighting, Foot-
ing, Boat-sailing, or other Pastimes or Games, or by taking a
Share or Part in the Stakes, Wagers, or Adventures, or by betting
on the Sides or Hands of such as do or shall play, act, sail, ride, or

Any Person,
who shall by
Fraud at
Cards, Dice,
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betting on
the Sides of
those that
do, win any
Sum of Mo-
ney or other
valuable
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run as aforesaid, win, obtain, or acquire to him or herself, or any other or others, any Sum or Sums of Money, or other valuable Thing or Things whatsoever, shall *ipso facto* forfeit and lose treble the sum of Money or value of other Thing or Things so won

One Moiety
of such For-
feiture to be
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reign Lord
the King,

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grieved,
provided he
sue for the
same within
six Months,
otherwise to
such Person
as may sue
within one
Year after
the Expira-
tion of the
said six
Months.

gained, obtained, or acquired; the one Moiety whereof shall be to our Sovereign Lord the King, his Heirs and Successors, for and towards supplying the Deficiency of the Fund, established by an Act, intituled "An Act for raising a Public Revenue for the Support of the Government of these His Majesty's Islands," and the other Moiety unto the Person or Persons grieved, or who shall lose the Money or other Thing or Things so gained.—Provided always, that every such Loser or Person grieved in that behalf do sue and shall prosecute and sue for the same within six Calendar Months next after such Play; and that in default of such Prosecution and Suit, the said other or last mentioned Moiety be to such Person or Persons as shall or may prosecute or sue for the same within one Year next after the said six Months shall have expired.

Forfeitures,
how to be
sued for.

Treble Costs
to be reco-
vered against
Offenders.

AND be it also enacted by the Authority aforesaid, that the Forfeitures aforesaid shall and may be sued for and recovered by Action of Debt, Bill, Plaint, or Information in the Courts of King's Bench, Common Pleas, Oyer and Terminer, General Gaol Delivery and Assize in these Islands, wherein no Essoin, Protection or Wager of Law shall be allowed; and that every Plaintiff or Plaintiff formant shall in every such Suit or Prosecution have and recover his or her treble Costs against the Defendant or Person offending and forfeiting as aforesaid, any Law, Statute, Usage, or Custom to the contrary in any wise notwithstanding.

Any Person
losing at any
Game what-
ever, a Sum
of Money or
other Thing,
exceeding
100l. upon
credit, not
compellable
to pay the
same after-
wards,

AND for the more effectual prevention and avoidance of all excessive and immoderate Playing and Gaming for the Time to come, be it further enacted and ordained by the Authority aforesaid, that if any Person or Persons shall at any Time or Times after the publication hereof, play at any of the Games abovementioned, or at any other Pastime or Game whatever (other than with or for ready Money) or shall bet on the Sides or Hands of such as do or shall play thereat, and shall lose any Sum or Sums of Money or other Thing or Things so played for exceeding the Sum of One Hundred Pounds Current Money at any Time or Meeting, upon Ticket, Credit, or otherwise, and shall not pay down the same at the Time when she, or they shall so lose the same, the Person or Persons who shall lose the said Money, or other Thing or Things so played for or to be played for above the said Sum of One Hundred Pounds, shall not, in such Case, be bound and compelled, or compellable to pay or make good

the same, but the Contract and Contracts for the same and every Part thereof, and all and singular Judgments, Statutes, Cognizances, Mortgages, Conveyances, Assurances, Bonds, Bills, Fines, Promises, Covenants, Agreements, and other Acts, Bonds and Securities whatsoever, which shall be obtained, made, acknowledged, or entered into for Security or Satisfaction for the same or any Part thereof, shall be utterly void and of no effect,—and that the Person or Persons so winning the said Money or other Thing or Things shall forfeit and lose treble the Value of all such Sum and Sums of Money or other Thing and Things which he, she, or they shall so win, gain, obtain, or acquire above the said Sum of One Hundred Pounds; the one Moiety whereof shall be to our Sovereign Lord the King, his Heirs and Successors, and towards supplying the Deficiency of the Fund, established by an Act, intituled “ An Act for raising a Public Revenue for the Support of the Government of these His Majesty’s Islands,” and the other Moiety thereof to such Person or Persons as shall prosecute the same for the same within one Year next after the Time of such Offence committed; and that such Forfeiture be sued for by Action of Debt, Bill, Complaint or Information in the Courts of King’s Bench, Common Pleas, Oyer and Terminer, General Goal Deliberation and Assize for these Islands, wherein no Effoin, Protection, or Delay of Law shall be allowed, and wherein the Plaintiff, Informer or Informers shall have and receive his, her, or their treble Damages against the Person or Persons offending and forfeiting as aforesaid, any Law, Custom, or Usage to the contrary notwithstanding.

but all Contracts in such Case declared to be void.

Forfeiture of Persons so winning.

Application of such Forfeitures,

And the Manner in which they are to be sued for.

Treble Costs shall be allowed.

This Act not to be in Force until His Majesty’s Pleasure be known.

VOTED and passed the Assembly this 19th Day of May, 1785, and Ordered to be laid before the Council for Concurrence.

CORNELIUS HINSON, *Speaker.*

APPROVED and CONCURRED to by the Council this 20th Day of May, 1785.

HENRY TUCKER, Jun. President.

SENT to this 25th Day of May, 1785.

WILLIAM BROWNE.

B E R M U D A.

ACT to prevent profane SWEARING and CURSING.

FORASMUCH as all profane Swearing and Preamble.
Cursing is forbidden by the Word of God,
and must therefore be highly displeasing to the
Almighty, In order therefore wholly to pre-
vent the same in future, We, your Majesty's
most dutiful and loyal Subjects the General
Assembly of these your Majesty's Bermuda
Islands, in America, do most humbly beseech your
Majesty that it may be enacted, and be it enacted by your Ma-
jesty's Governor, Council, and Assembly, and it is hereby enacted
ordained by the Authority of the same, that if any Person or
Persons in these Islands, after the publication hereof, shall be
convicted by the hearing or in the view of any Justice of the Peace,
or Justice, her, or their own Confession, or the Testimony of one or
more Witnesses, on Oath, (which Oath each and every Justice of
the Peace is hereby empowered and authorised to administer) of
having been guilty of profane Swearing or Cursing, he, she, or
they shall, for every Offence, forfeit and pay unto the Church-
warden or Churchwardens of the Parish where such Offence shall
be committed, for the Use of the Poor of such Parish, the Sum of
one shilling and sixpence current Money, to be levied in pursuance of the
Order of such Justice of the Peace by the Constable or Church-
warden of such Parish, by distress and sale of the Offenders Goods,
or by the sale of the overplus; and in default of such distress,
if the Offender, if he or she be above the age of twelve Years, to be set
in the Stocks for the space of three Hours; but if under the Age of
twelve Years aforesaid to be whipped by the Constable or the Parent,
or Mother or Mistress of such Offender, in the presence of such
Justice,

Persons
guilty of
profane
Swearing to
forfeit 12d.
for each Of-
fence, for
the Use of
the Poor.
To be levied
by Distress.
Punishment
of Offenders
above twelve
Years of
Age, in de-
fault of Dis-
tress.
Of Offenders
under twelve
Years of
Age.

Justice, and with so many stripes as such Justice shall order direct.

Proviso. PROVIDED always, that no Offence against this Act be prosecuted after the expiration of twenty Days from the Time of Commission of such Offence.

Not to be in Force until the King's Pleasure be known. ALWAYS provided, that this Act shall not be in force until Majesty's Assent shall be first had thereto, and made known in the Islands.

VOTED and passed the Assembly this 19th Day of May, 1785, and Ordered to be laid before the Council Concurrence.

CORNELIUS HINSON, *Speaker*

CONCURRED to by the Council
this 20th Day of May, 1785.

HENRY TUCKER, Jun. President.

ASSENTED to this 25th Day of May, 1785.

WILLIAM BROWN

B E R M U D A.

An ACT to renew, prolong, and amend an Act, intitled "An Act for the regulating the MILITIA of these his Majesty's Islands of Bermuda."

WHEREAS the said Act, intitled "An Act Title of the former Act.
"for the regulating the Militia of these His Majesty's Islands of Bermuda," passed the Twenty-seventh Day of *June*, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Seventy-seven, and expired the twenty-fourth Day of *June*, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Eighty-three—

and whereas the said Act has been found of great Utility, We, therefore, your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal Subjects, the General Assembly of these your Majesty's Bermuda or Somer Islands, in America, do most humbly beseech your Majesty that it may be enacted, and be it enacted by your Majesty's Governor, Council, and Assembly, and it is hereby enacted and ordained by the Authority of the same, that the said Act, intitled

An Act for the regulating the Militia of these His Majesty's Islands of Bermuda," with the following Alterations and amendments, to wit, That the Proviso contained in the said Act the Words following, "Provided such General Field or other Officers be Natives, or have been Inhabitants of these Islands not less than five Years, and whose Families and Fortunes are chiefly in Bermuda," be omitted.—And also, that to the Clause authorizing any Captain or Commanding Officer of any Militia company to receive from Time to Time from the Keeper of the Magazine, such Powder as the said Commanding Officer and the said Keeper shall judge needful, there be added the following

Said Act renewed (with Alterations) and prolonged

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Words, " By Order or Warrant from the Governor or Com-
 " mander in Chief for the Time being," be renewed and prolonged
 for the Term of two Years from the Publication hereof, and to
 to determine and expire.

VOTED and passed the Assembly this 20th Day of May
 1785, and Ordered to be laid before the Council for
 Concurrence.

CORNELIUS HINSON, *Speaker.*

CONCURRED to by the Council
 this 27th Day of May, 1785.

HENRY TUCKER, Jun. President.

ASSENTED to this 28th Day of May, 1785.

WILLIAM BROWNE.